

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A press-clamping terminal comprising:

a conductor-clamping portion for press-fastening an outer periphery of a conductor part of a wire for electric connection;

wherein a plating layer being excellent in electrical conductivity is formed at least on an inner surface of said conductor-clamping portion, and said plating layer is harder than a passivation layer formed on a surface of said conductor part;

wherein said plating layer is a nickel composite plating layer in which material molecular crystals, harder than said passivation layer formed on the surface of said conductor part, are dispersed in an eutectoid condition; and

wherein said plating layer is formed into a dull finish.
2. (original): A press-clamping terminal according to claim 1, wherein said plating layer ~~is a hard nickel plating layer having~~has a Vickers hardness (Hv) of not smaller than 500.
3. (canceled).
4. (canceled).